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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0005

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG LY IT

SUBJECT: HOPE DIMS FOR RESUMPTION LIBYAN LNG SALES TO ITALY

REF: TRIPOLI 1189

1. ESSO LIBYA PRESIDENT COX TOLD US CHANCES SLIM FOR RESUMPTION LIBYAN LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS SALES TO ITALY. COX POINTED OUT THAT ITALY HAS SIGNED NEW CONTRACTS WITH USSR AND NETHERLANDS FOR LNG DELIVERIES. WHILE TERMS RUSSIAN CONTRACT NOT AVAILABLE DUTCH CONTRACT HAS ESCALATOR CLAUSE PERMITTING PRICE INCREASES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; EVEN AT MAXIMUM PERMITTED BY CONTRACT OVER SIX-YEAR PERIOD, DUTCH PRICES WILL BE LESS THAN PRESENT LIBYAN DEMANDS.

2. COX RIGHTLY GLOOMY ABOUT SITUATION BECAUSE, AS RESULT LOST GAS SALES, ESSO LIBYA PRODUCTION OF CRUDE ONLY 20 PERCENT OF WHAT IT WAS PRIOR OCTOBER 1. LOWER PRODUCTION, HOWEVER, CLEARLY IN LIBYA'S INTEREST BECAUSE COUNTRY IS HAVING DIFFICULTY SELLING ITS HIGH-PRICED OIL FROM OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND HIGHER PRO-  
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DUCTION WOULD PUT FURTHER DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON PRICES.

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